

## WILSON OPENS PREPAREDNESS TOUR

CAPTURE TWO  
SOLDIERS OF  
TEXAS FORCE

Mexicans Make the United States Troopers Prisoners Near Border.

## FOUR DROWN IN RIVER

Lives Lost in Attempting to Swim the Rio Grande to Hunt Comrades.

Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 27.—Privates William C. Wheeler and Viggo Pederson of Battery D, 4th field artillery, who were kidnapped late yesterday by Mexicans and taken south from the border, were rescued by Carranza soldiers and brought to Matamoros today, crossing the international bridge into the United States at 11 o'clock. They were turned over to American authorities dressed in Mexican clothes.

Wheeler and Pederson said they were deceived to the Mexican side of the river by the promise of a drink of mesquite by a Mexican who appeared on the bank while they were swimming. The men were taken to Rio Bravo last night by their captors, held in jail until midnight when they were put on a train at 1 a. m. and reached Matamoros at 8 o'clock.

Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 27.—United States military officials here today are awaiting the results of a rescue expedition by Carranza soldiers into the Mexican territory across the river from Brownsville, where yesterday two United States soldiers were captured by Mexicans.

Lieutenants Mort, Payton and Waldron were ordered arrested by Major General Funston for leading a party of 14 American troops into Mexico in an attempt to rescue the two troopers. In this expedition four American troopers were drowned in attempting to swim the Rio Grande. Others penetrated Mexico but returned without having accomplished the object of their mission.

Rifle fires from both sides took place during these operations but no one was wounded. It is said that the Mexicans engaged were civilians.

Funston Reports Affair.  
Washington, Jan. 27.—Major General Funston reported to the war department today the drowning of four and the capture of two American soldiers near Brownsville, Tex., yesterday. His dispatch contained a report by Major Anderson, commander of the 12th cavalry as follows:

"Four men of Battery D, 4th field artillery, swam across the Rio Grande while bathing in the river at Progreso. Two were made prisoners by two Mexicans with rifles and taken back into Mexico. The other two men of battery swam back; some two or three shots fired at them while returning.

"Lieutenant J. E. Mort, commanding battery, with Lieutenants Peyton and Waldron, with about fourteen men crossed river, went about three quarters of a mile back into the interior, searched two houses, did not find comrades. They were fired on ten or twelve times by men in bush. They remained on other side about one hour. When they returned, the crossing was covered by men on bank of this side, who fired some two hundred shots.

"The following men were drowned while swimming the other side:

"Sergeant Owen Clements, Corporal Michael F. King, Private Harry A. Rhoads, all of Battery D, 4th field artillery, and Private Charles B. Wilton-Best, Troop A, 11th cavalry.

"Bodies not yet recovered.

"The following named men still in hands of Mexicans on other side:

"Private William C. Wheeler and Private Viggo Pederson, Battery D, 4th field artillery."

General Funston in transmitting the report said:

"Colonel Blockson has ordered Lieutenants Mort, Peyton and Waldron to be placed in arrest. I have directed Colonel Plummer, 28th infantry, to send one of his field officers to investigate. Mr. Garza, Mexican consul, has been to Matamoros to ask that immediate search be made for Privates Wheeler and Pederson. The Mexicans on other side were not in uniform."

Trying to Get Wilson.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 27.—An organized effort in which the local commercial association and similar bodies in all the cities and towns along the Burlington road through Iowa is being made to get President Wilson to pass this way on his trip through the state.

DEMAND REPORT  
TERMED UNTRUE

Tokio, Jan. 27.—The London report that the Japanese government had delivered to the Chinese minister in Tokyo a note embodying seven demands which were included in the Japanese program of last spring was said by the foreign office today to be untrue.

The Manchester Guardian said yesterday it had learned from far eastern sources that the demands had been presented by Japan. It was assumed they referred to group five of the original Japanese demands on China, action on which was postponed when the treaty was signed in May. They related to the most important questions at issue, involving among other things Japanese participation in the administration of China's political, financial and military affairs.

## Latest Bulletins

Washington, Jan. 27.—A claim for \$10,000 for each of the Americans killed by Mexican bandits at Santa Isabel was received today by the state department. The department will press the Carranza government for payment.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 27.—Five hundred families at and near Watson, Ark., have been driven from their homes by floods, according to a message received by Governor George W. Hays this morning, requesting aid.

Rome, Jan. 27. (via London, 3:05 p. m.)—It is reported in Vatican circles that the condition of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, who has been ill for several days, is rapidly growing worse.

Peking, Jan. 27.—Three thousand government troops from the province of Kwang-Si have entered Yunnan province and defeated a force of 1,000 revolutionaries there, capturing the city of Loping.

The government is rushing troops to Luchow, Sze-Chuen province, where fighting is reported in progress.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The German attack on the French positions near Neuville was resumed yesterday and, according to the war office statement of today, between 500 and 600 yards of the French lines were captured.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Advices from Vienna say that General Yvontch, who, according to entente reports, has continued to lead the Montenegrin resistance against Austro-Hungarian troops, has surrendered at Danilovar together with several other Montenegrin generals.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Jennie O. Thornburg, who last night shot and killed Mrs. Margaret McWilliams, a neighbor, as the latter was forcing an entrance to the Thornburg home, was exonerated by the police today and released.

Birthday of  
Emperor is  
Quiet Affair

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Flags were out everywhere in Berlin today in celebration of the 57th birthday anniversary of Emperor William. The only formal observance consisted of religious services. The emperor granted amnesty in several cases.

The principal celebration was held at the general headquarters yesterday. Congratulations were extended to the emperor by Archduke Charles Francis, heir to the Austrian throne, on behalf of Emperor Francis Joseph; by Field Marshal Baron Conrad von Hotzenburg, Austrian chief of staff; Prince Henry of Prussia; Lieutenant General Zekki Paska, head of the special Turkish military mission to Germany, and by Colonel Santshew, representing Bulgaria. Emperor William thanked them and expressed conviction that final victory in the war would rest with the central powers.

All the newspapers of Berlin published eulogistic articles concerning the emperor, recalling the fact that he was able to maintain peace for 25 years.

Washington, Jan. 27.—A message to Emperor William of Germany congratulating him on his 57th birthday anniversary was sent to Berlin today by President Wilson.

ENGLISH NOW IN  
PERILOUS PLACE

Berlin, Jan. 27. (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Cologne Volks Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Cairo stating that the British in southern Arabia are in a dangerous position as a result of fierce attacks by Arabs and Turks. It is stated the British casualties up to Dec. 30 amounted to 15,000 killed and 20,000 wounded. The number of British troops now at Aden is given as 20,000.

Quoting from the Volks Zeitung the Overseas News Agency says:

"A wounded British major declared that at the beginning of the war the British were in possession of 250,000 square kilometers in southern and southwestern Arabia, all of which has been lost. All the Arab chiefs joined the Turks and are now using successfully against the British the arms supplied by them."

## DAY IN CONGRESS

## SENATE.

Met at noon.  
Petitions bearing a million names and protesting against war munitions shipments were presented and resulted in vigorous debate.

Debate on Philippine independence bill was resumed.

Military committee continued its hearing on army bills.

## HOUSE.

Met at noon.  
Admiral Griffin, chief of the navy engineering bureau, testified before naval committee.

General Wood told military committee army should be recruited to full strength before a reserve is enrolled.

POLICE HUNTING  
FATHER IN DOUBLE  
FAMILY MURDER

New York, Jan. 27.—Police today identified the body of a man who died in a hospital shortly after jumping from the third floor of an up-town hotel as that of Nathan Pullman, the retired Chicago insurance agent who was being sought on the charge of having murdered his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Pullman, and daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Bazel, in a Bronx apartment yesterday.

New York, Jan. 27.—Detectives are searching today for Nathan Pullman, well-to-do real estate or insurance agent, who disappeared from his rooms in the Bronx yesterday, four hours before the discovery that his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Pullman, and married daughter, Gertrude Bazel, had been murdered there.

Other occupants of the house told the police that Pullman left the lodging house at 3 o'clock yesterday, telling that his wife was ill and that he was going for a physician. Four hours later, when Pullman had not returned, the landlady found the body of Mrs. Pullman on the bed with her skull crushed apparently with an ax that was thrown under the bed.

The body of Mrs. Bazel lay near the door to the room, indicating that she had been struck down as she entered, evidently with a hatchet which was found on the floor.

Pullman is believed to have had from \$3,000 to \$5,000 when he left the house. After having lived in the Bronx for many years he and Mrs. Pullman went to Chicago to live three months ago. Two weeks ago they came here to visit their daughters.

## 840 Saved from Loan Sharks.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Eight hundred and forty persons were saved from loan sharks during the year by the First State Industrial Wage Loan society, according to the annual report of the president, made public today. The total number of loans was 2,348. The society's net profit was \$4,042.

Advocate Commercial Preparedness.  
New Orleans, Jan. 27.—The National Foreign Trade Council opened here today its third annual foreign trade convention with several hundred manufacturers, bankers, merchants, farmers, railroad and steamship representatives in attendance and a program of addresses with the commercial preparedness of America as their keynote.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Snow and much colder tonight, with a cold wave, and the lowest temperature at zero or below. Friday, generally fair and colder. Strong north-west winds tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 52. Highest yesterday, 51. Lowest last night, 45. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation, 1.15 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 100; at 7 a. m., 100; at 1 p. m., today, 85.

Stage of water, 13.7; a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

BANDIT GANG  
GETS \$12,000  
HAUL IN BANK

Bold Daylight Robbery Perpetrated in Busy Section of Chicago.

## MAKE ESCAPE IN AUTO

Hold Employes at Point of Guns—Back Out and Leap Into Big Machine.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Four bandits, armed with revolvers, entered the Washington Park National bank in East 63rd street today and escaped with between \$12,000 and \$15,000 after threatening the lives of clerks, cashiers and 20 depositors.

None of the depositors, who were ordered to stand facing a wall was searched by the bandits who gave their sole attention to the money in the teller's cage.

After grabbing the money the four hastily backed to the door and escaped in an automobile.

J. Garland Stahl, manager of the Boston Americans when that club won the world's championship in 1912, is vice president of the bank. Stahl began his baseball career in 1903 when he signed with the Boston club after graduating from the University of Illinois. Later he became manager of the Washington Americans and then of the Boston Americans.

## Was Carefully Planned.

Every detail of the robbery seemed carefully planned, according to Mr. Stahl, who was forced to remain at his desk facing a revolver while one of the robbers entered the teller's cage and took the money from a drawer. "I was sitting at my desk," said Mr. Stahl, "shortly before 9 o'clock when four men, their faces masked in black, and each carrying two revolvers, entered. There were about ten persons in line at the cashier's wicket, 10 clerks, the bank officers and two stenographers in the room.

"They did not molest the depositors and as soon as the money was in their possession, backed to the door and to their automobile.

"The engine of the car had not been stopped and they went down the street at about forty miles an hour.

"They got more than twelve thousand dollars."

## Paid Attention to Stahl.

Municipal Judge Sheridan E. Fry was among the depositors who was forced to witness the robbery.

The bandits paid special attention to Mr. Stahl, who was singled out by one of the men. Two revolvers were poked within an inch of his face and he was ordered to hold up his hands.

The same command was given to all the others in the bank and not a hand was dropped until the last robber backed out of the door.

Pedestrians reported that while the robbery was in progress a fifth man was at the wheel of the automobile.

Officials of the bank said that none of the robbers appeared to be more than 20 years old.

The bank is situated in one of the busiest sections of Chicago outside of the downtown district.

BEATEN MAN SAYS  
MONTENEGRO KICK

Paris, Jan. 27. (5:20 a. m.)—"My presence and that of my family and my government here," said King Nicholas of Montenegro to a special correspondent of the Journal in Lyons, "shows my unbounded confidence that France will protect me from calumny. I do not need to make any apology. My grandson, Prince Humbert, crown prince of Italy, when I saw him in Rome the other day, asked me why I was sad. I replied, 'Your grandfather is a beaten man.' The child then asked: 'You had nothing to eat in your country?' Thus my 11-year-old grandson summed up the causes of our defeat better than the diplomatists and the chancellors have done."

GERMANY EXPELS  
50 ENGLISH WOMEN

Berlin, (via London), Jan. 27. (11:05 a. m.)—Fifty English women, who have been employed in various occupations in Berlin, have been ordered to leave the country not later than Feb. 6. The authorities say that this action is taken in reprisal for expulsion of German women who had been employed in England.

Labor Votes  
Against Bill  
For Service

Bristol, England, Jan. 27.—A resolution protesting in the name of the national labor party against the adoption of conscription in any form was passed by the labor congress today by a vote of 1,796,000 against 219,000.

The resolution follows:  
"Resolved: That this national labor party protests emphatically against the adoption of conscription in any form, as it is against the spirit of British democracy and full of danger to the liberties of the people."

When the delegates assembled today for the second day's session they found this resolution on their tables, and also one on the military service bill, which were designed to take the place of the numerous proposals which have been made on these subjects.

The other resolution placed before the congress follows:

"This conference declares its opposition to the military service bill and, in the event of it becoming law, decides to agitate for its repeal."

## Will Publish in Switzerland.

Paris, Jan. 27. (5:25 a. m.)—Maximilian Harden has arrived in Switzerland to resume there the publication of his periodical Die Zukunft which was suppressed in Germany, according to a dispatch from Basel to the Journal.

## THE WAR TODAY

According to a statement made by M. Longuet, a French socialist deputy, at the British trade union conference in Bristol today, the French losses in the war have been 800,000 killed, 1,400,000 wounded and 300,000 captured.

Emperor William's 57th birthday was celebrated throughout Germany, the most notable incident occurring at general headquarters, where the emperor received the congratulations of many notables.

British possession of territory protecting the Suez canal route at its southern end is imperiled by attacks made by Arabs and Turks on the British forces in southwestern Arabia, according to advices from German sources. The British have been driven from all territory they held in that section of country and have suffered extremely heavy losses, the figures being given at 15,000 killed and 20,000 wounded.

The implication from the Berlin dispatch carrying these reports is that the British army of more than 20,000 men is now virtually cooped up in Aden, near the entrance to the Red Sea, which must be held if the southerly approach to the Suez canal is to be protected.

The Austrians, having possession of virtually all Montenegro according to Vienna, are pushing southward in Albania, but apparently are moving deliberately, although encountering much resistance.

The British house of commons threshed out the blockade question last night and at the close of Sir Edward Grey's effective speech, it was decided to adhere to the government's existing policy. A resolution that the entire over ocean traffic with Germany should be prevented by a blockade was talked out and the subject dropped.

France will hereafter assist the British in the blockade of the English channel and the North Sea, and replies to protests against seizures will be made jointly by the two nations.

Organized labor in England has voted in convention by a large majority to carry the war through.

A British official statement says that 27 hostile aeroplanes and three captive balloons were attacked Tuesday by British aviators. Two of the aeroplanes and two balloons were forced down. All the British machines returned safely.

A Petrograd official statement says German aeroplanes have been active in the district of Riga.

Between Neuville and Thelus a violent cannonade has been carried on for several days and the Germans and French have engaged in much hand to hand fighting.

Austro-Hungarian headquarters announce that delegates of the Montenegrin government have signed articles providing for laying down of the arms of the Montenegrin forces.

Austro-Hungarian troops have occupied portions of Italian positions near Oslovina and took 1,200 prisoners.

Thirty persons were killed by a bomb dropped by the German air squadron when it raided Dover last Monday, according to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt. The bomb fell on a deposit of mines and caused great destruction of property in the neighborhood.

FIRES FIRST  
SHOT IN WAR  
FOR DEFENSE

President Makes Addresses in New York as Opener to Western Tour.

## TO START TOMORROW

Wilson Will Leave Capital on Speaking Campaign of the Middle West.

New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning to face a program calling for a reception by clergymen, the delivery of addresses before two business organizations, and the probability that he would be interviewed by 200 women seeking his approval of a suffrage amendment to the constitution and by a delegation of German Americans who want him to persuade the British government to permit the shipment of milk from America for babies in Germany. The president was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, his secretary, Joseph Tumulty and Dr. Cary T. Grayson.

The main purpose of the president's visit is to deliver before the Railway Business association tonight the speech which is to open his campaign for preparedness, the first of a series of speeches on that subject which he will make while on a trip through the middle west. Although only 1,272 seats are available for the dinner at which he is to speak, more than 5,000 applications have been received.

After addressing the railway men the president has arranged to speak at a banquet of the motion picture board of trade of America.

Mr. Wilson expects to leave New York for Washington at midnight tonight and to leave the capital tomorrow night for his western tour.

## Likens Wilson to Lincoln.

The president delivered the first of his three addresses at noon before the clerical conference of the New York Federation of Churches, representing all denominations. Amid applause he was introduced by the Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young of Brooklyn, who remarked that "no other president ever had used universal prayer in his behalf."

"Only Lincoln bore such heavy responsibility," said the clergyman, "and the America of Lincoln's time held but one-third as many people to pray and nearly half were arrayed against him."

The president said that in his efforts for peace he had represented "the spirit" of the United States of America.

"I can find no basis for peace but justice," he added. "The greatest force in the world is character, and I believe that character can be expressed by the acts of a nation. This is expressed by the attitude of the people. We will only resist having our liberty interfered with."

## Live and Let Live.

"A further foundation of peace is our international attitude toward each other. We have been hospitable to all creeds and people. The peace of America depends on the attitude of the different races and creeds which make

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EASTERN WOMEN  
TO VOTE IN WEST

New York Suffragists Hope to Aid Fight in Kansas and Iowa at Coming Elections.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 27.—The possibility of New York women coming to Kansas to register as voters this year was conveyed in a letter received today by Governor Capper from Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Woman's Political Union.

"It is the intention of some of us," she wrote, "after having worked for so many years in New York for our enfranchisement, to qualify as voters in one of the suffrage states in the west."

The letter was written to inquire if it would be possible for those who qualify in Kansas to spend part of their time in the Iowa campaign. Iowa will vote on women's suffrage in June, it has been announced.

The New York women were informed it is not necessary to remain actually in the state for six months preceding an election if they state their intention of establishing a legal residence here six months before election time.